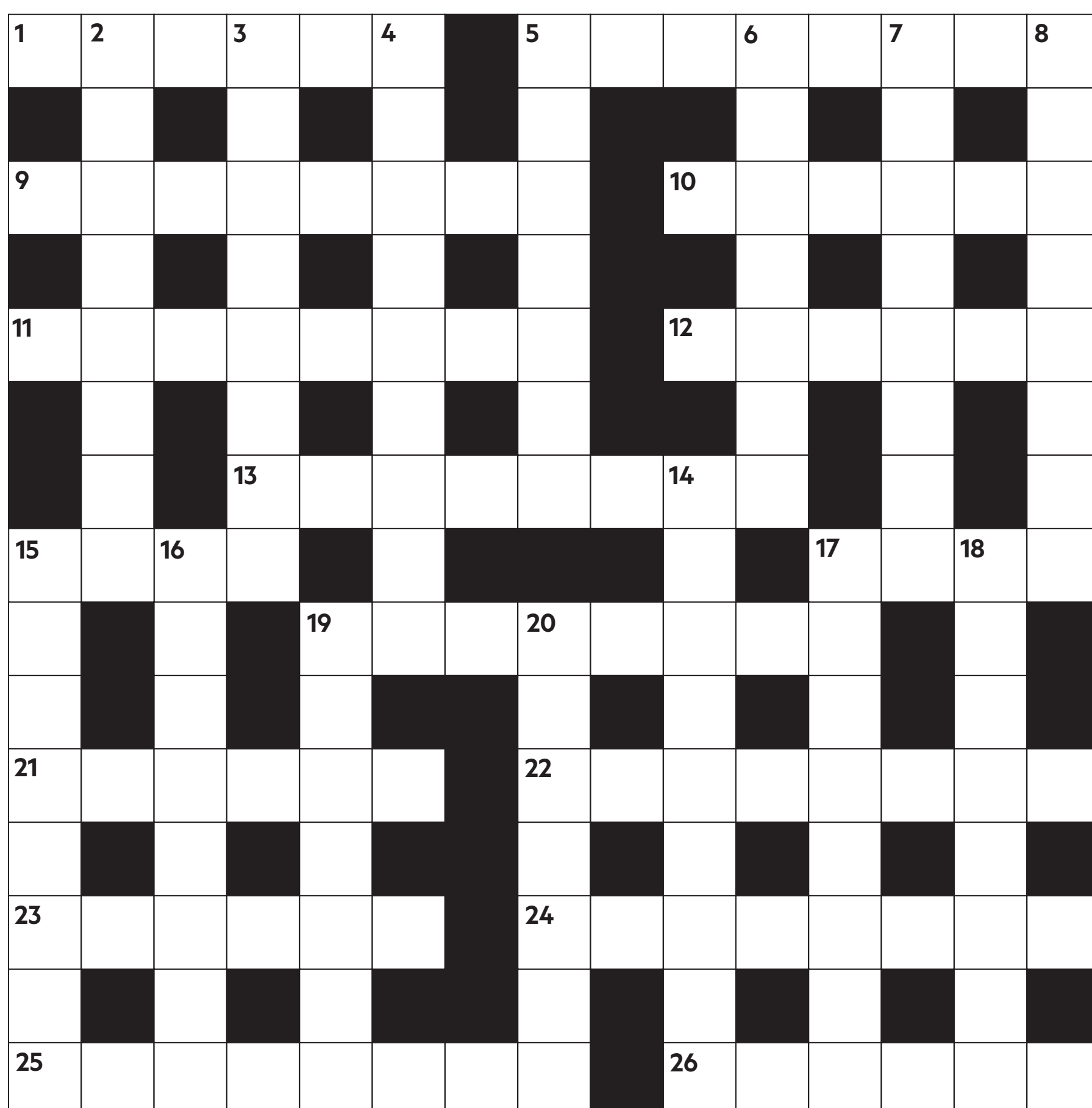


FT Crossword: Weekend Magazine number 721

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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 1 Not casual (6)
- 5 Senior non-commissioned officer (8)
- 9 Wine container (8)
- 10 Carefree, cheerful (6)
- 11 Needed (8)
- 12 Fast run (6)
- 13 Intellectual all-rounder (8)
- 15 Festival (4)
- 17 Cathedral head (4)
- 19 Explosive (8)
- 21 Oily (6)
- 22 Slander, defame (8)
- 23 Set of clothes (6)
- 24 Reckless person (8)
- 25 Better (8)
- 26 Printing mistakes (6)

DOWN

- 2 Leader of orchestra's exercise — treat different musical work (8)
- 3 Tricky clue with a map for admission (3, 5)
- 4 Recent improvement from the sides (9)
- 5 Start to see heartless freedom, perhaps, as bondage (7)
- 6 Giant pig swallows dog up (7)
- 7 Wild creature's one time to run away (8)
- 8 Player has penalty — in short, it's awful (8)
- 14 Poor trader hit badly (5-4)
- 15 Try cooked grouse that's lovely (8)
- 16 Have great fun with wicked climbing one put the wrong way (4, 2, 2)
- 17 Refined bar with one I had remodelled (8)
- 18 Remove philosophical summary (8)
- 19 Rough sleeper clutches current personal information (7)
- 20 Judge arranged snack inside (7)

Solution 720

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